

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the applications:

1. (Currently Amended) A topstay for rowing or sculling boat riggers comprising:

a. an outer tubular member and an inner tubular member longitudinally aligned and telescopically connected together, said outer tubular member having a distal end and said inner tubular member having a proximal end;

b. a tubular housing diagonally aligned and attached to said distal end of said outer tubular member, said tubular housing including two opposite end openings;

c. a rotating pin connector inserted into one said end opening on said tubular housing, said pin connector capable of connecting to an oarlock pin on a rigger;

d. means for attaching said pin connector to said tubular housing ~~including a transversely aligned pivot connector selectively attached to said proximal end of said inner tubular member and a base bracket attached to a boat hull, said base bracket including means for holding said pivot connector and allowing said pivot connector to pivot over said base bracket when said base bracket is attached to said boat hull, and;~~

e. means for attaching said inner tubular member to a boat hull including a pivot connector selectively attached to said proximal end of said inner tubular member and a base bracket attached to a boat hull, said base bracket including means for holding said pivot connector in a transverse orientation thereby allowing said pivot connector to pivot over said base bracket when said base bracket is attached to a boat hull; and,

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3. (Currently Amended) The topstay as recited in Claim 1, wherein said tubular housing ~~includes~~ is formed by two longitudinally aligned hollow spacers located near said distal end and on opposite sides of said outer tubular ~~member, member.~~ member.

4. (Currently Amended) The topstay as recited in Claim 3, wherein said means for attaching said pin connector to said tubular housing is an end plug inserted into the distal end of said tubular member and a bolt that extends through one said spacer and said tubular housing and connects to said pin connector- to hold said pin connector on said tubular housing.

5. (Previously Amended) The topstay as recited in Claim 1, wherein said tubular housing is aligned between 30 to 45 degrees on said distal end of said outer tubular member.

6. (Previously Added) The topstay as recited in Claim 3, wherein said spacers are aligned near said distal end of said outer tubular member between 30 to 45 degrees.